

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 681  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY

PRESENTATION TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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INTERIM ADJUTANT GENERAL  
February 10, 2011

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, Interim State Adjutant General. I am testifying on House Bill 681.

We support House Bill 681. Passage of this measure will allow our citizen soldiers in the reserves and National Guard, who are on active duty and deployed or stationed outside the United States, supporting America's war on terrorism, an opportunity to file nomination papers and take their oath by mail.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

# THE OAHU VETERANS COUNCIL

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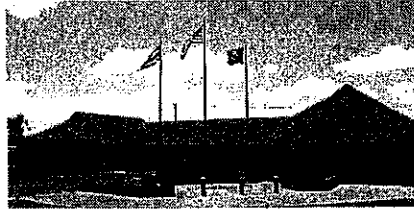
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January 27, 2011

## TESTIMONY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 681 RELATING TO THE MILITARY

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

## HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, AT 9AM, IN CONFERENCE ROOM 309

Aloha Chair Aquino: The Oahu Veterans Council's member organization's identified in the left margin represent the interests of over 80,000 veterans and their families. On Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, our legislative committee voted to testify, in support of House Bill 681, as follows:

We firmly believe reservists and national guard members in active service who desire to run for office should be allowed to file nomination papers and take their oaths by mail, if elected. Oahu Veterans Council delegates performed creditable military service under the flag of the United States of America and the State of Hawaii. We honor our Nation, State and Families under these flags, and firmly believe this noble act of trust will formally establish a tradition we can be proud of.

We thoughtfully and respectfully encourage your committee to remind those who would restrict access to public office to those whose patriotism and love of Country and State is not so widely recognized, of the limitations placed on their sentiments by the US Constitution, in recommending approval of HB681 as written.

Mahalo for allowing us to testify in support of this very important Bill.

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